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REF : A. STATE 193367, B. STATE 156669

SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE AS YET TO ACCOMPLISH
CY 1973 BOARD RELEASES AND ISSUE GRANT DOCUMENTS BECAUSE
YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT COMPLETED CONSIDERATION OF JOINT
BOARD'S POSITION AS LEGAL ENTITY IN YUGOSLAVIA. END SUMMARY.

1. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT QUESTION OF YUGOSLAV BOARD
MEMBER SIGNATURE OF HEW AND OTHER GRANT DOCUMENTS WAS DIS-
CUSSED DURING JULY JOINT BOARD MEETING.

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN CONTINUING CONTACT WITH FAISECTC
(RAJACIC) CONCERNING NEED FOR ISSUANCE BY JOINT BOARD OF
GRANT LETTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE 156669, AS WELL AS
NEED FOR JOINT BOARD ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH STATE 137643, A-6506, ETC.

3. RAJACIC INITIALLY TOLD US THAT YUGOSLAV JOINT BOARD
MEMBERS WOULD TAKE NECESSARY ACTION AS SOON AS REVIEW OF
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JOINT BOARD STATUS AND PROCEDURES BY SECRETARIAT

FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS AND BY REPUBLICAN AUTHORITIES WAS COMPLETE-
PRESUMABLY, HE SAID , IN SEPTEMBER, SOON AFTER END OF TRAD-
ITIONAL HOLIDAY SEASON.

4. IN LATER DISCUSSIONS, RAJACIC INDICATED THAT LEGAL
EXPERTS HAD ENCOUNTERED "MINOR" PROBLEMS ON QUESTION OF
"BOARD'S POSITION AS A LEGAL ENTITY" IN YUGOSLAVIA, BUT
THAT THESE WERE EXPECTED TO BE RESOLVED WITHOUT
COMPLICATION.

5. WE TWICE CALLED DELAY TO ATTENTION OF SECRETARIAT FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS (ACKOVSKI), EMPHASIZING - AS WE HAVE TO
RAJACIC-THAT CY 1973 RELEASES COULD NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT
APPROPRIATE JOINT BOARD ACTIONS. ACKOVSKI SAID THIS IS MINOR
TECHNICAL PROBLEM WHICH WOULD BE RESOLVED.

6. AFTER RECEIPT OF STATE 193367, WE MET WITH RAJACIC AND
DR. PIRKMAJER, CHAIRMAN OF JOINT BOARD.

7. THEY STATED THAT DEFINITIVE OPINION OF LEGAL AUTHORITIES
WOULD BE READY THIS WEEK AND WOULD BE SUPPLIED TO EMBASSY.
THEY DID NOT KNOW SUBSTANCE OF OPINION.

8. PROBLEM STILL SEEMS TO BE WITH CONCEPT OF JOINT BOARD
ENTERING INTO CONTRACT TO GET FUNDS FROM INDIVIDUAL USG
AGENCIES.

9. WE RESPONDED THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE
WRITTEN OPINION, BUT REITERATED THAT US-PROPOSED GRANT
PRACTICE WAS CINSISTENT WITH AGREEMENT, SOUND WAY TO PROCEED,
AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING
GRANTS OF USG AGENCIES.

10. IN ABSENCE OF YUGOSLAV JOINT BOARD MEMBER SIGNATURE
ON GRANT DOCUMENTS, WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH
CY 1973 BOARD RELEASES AND ISSUANCES OF GRANT LETTERS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B.
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